(vi) Provision of connectivity to all unconnected villages and habitations.

(vii) Streamline the Public Distribution System with focus upon the poor.

6. Within these broad objectives agreed upon between the Centre and the State, the transfer of the Central share of funds be done with flexibilities given to the states in implementation, suiting local conditions and emphasis on involvement of people through elected Panchayats and municipalities.

7. Centrally Sponsored Schemes have proliferated in various Ministries. These schemes reflect the initiatives these Ministries have taken to focus on certain areas of national concern. Some are big while some schemes have small provision. There is considerable centralisation, rigigidy, delay and inequity in the administration of these schemes. In order to reflect appropriately the national priorities and to concentrate our efforts and resources on these priorities, the Conference suggested the streamlining of the Centrally Sponsored Schemes.

8. All Centrally Sponsored Schemes relating to the Seven Basic Minimum Services mentioned in Para 5 above, should be continued. Whithin these Basic Minimum Services, an all out effort should be made to secure (a) 100% covereage in provision of safe drinking water in rural and urban areas, (b) 100% coverage of primary health service facilities in rural and urban areas and (c) universalisation of primary education, within the next 2-3 years. However, States which have achieved satisfactory results in these areas can choose for their priority attention other components of these seven Basic Minimum Services suited to their requirements for full coverage in the next 2-3 years.

9. In the detarmination of allocations for these basic Minimum Services by the States and the Centre, the special needs of the States below national average may be taken into consideration.

10. In addition, the Centrally Sponsored Schemes in the Area of Urban and rural poverty alleviation and employment, development of desert & drought-prone areas, nutrition, and for the welfare of SCs/STs/minorities and disabled persons of our society, should be conitnued as such and States be given greater involvement, freedom and flexibility in the implementaion of these programmes.

11. Provisions available under Centrally Sponsored Schemes other than those mentioned in Para 8 and Para 10 above, should be pooled and basic State entitlement ratios should be worked out on the basis of allocations made to the States in 1995-96. The States should be free to select for implementation, from the list of these Centraly Sponsored Schemes circulated by the Centre, suiting their needs for using their annual entitlement.

12. The States annual entitlement under all Centrally sponsored Schemes should be increased by 15-20% every year.

13. The Department of Programme Implementation in the Union Ministry of Planning and Programme Implementation would work out the details of these revisions in the guidelines and procedures in consultation with the relevant Central Ministries and a group of Chief Ministers. This exercise may be complete within one month, so that the revisions and changes would be available during theis year itself.

14. The Conference recommended regular Central and State joint monitoring and reviews of these programmes.

15. The Conference endorsed that the funds allocated for these basic Minimum Needs in the State and the Central plan should not be diverted and these funds should be made available in two instalments to the implementing agencies in consultation with State Governments. The first instalment would automatically be released to the implementing agencies in the first week of April and the Second instalment will be conditional to at least 50% expenditure of available funds and upon furnishing utilisation details/certificates.

[Translation]

Killing of Bihari Labourers

2326. SHRI CHUN CHUN PRASAD YADAV : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government are aware of the killing of the Bihari labourers in the terroriest attacks of Jammu and Kashmir militants; and

(b) if so, the number of labourers killed therein?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI S.R. BALASUBRAMONIYAN) : (a) and (b). 11 labourers hailing from district Ballia, Uttar Pradesh, and not from Bihar were killed on the night of 6-7 July, 1996 by the militants at Batkote near Handwara in Kupwara district of Jammu & Kashmir.

[English]

Housing Problem in Delhi

2327. SHRI BANWARI LAL PUROHIT : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item captioned "Capital facing acute housing shortage" appearing in the "Statesman" dated June 9, 1996;

(b) if so, the facts thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). No scientific estimate has been made in regard to the existing housing shortage in Delhi. However, according to one estimate made by National Institute of Urban Affairs for 1991, the housing shortage in Delhi was estimated to be of the order of 2.39 lakh dwelling units. In so far as DDA is concerned, it has allotted approximately 2.55 lakh flats under various housing schemes launched by it from time to time. At present there is a backlog of 63,394 registrants who are yet to be allotted flats. The details in this regard are as under :-

Scheme	No. of waiting registrants
(i) New Pattern Residential Scheme 1979	31,204
(ii) Ambedkar Awas Yojana 1989	12,190
(iii) Janta Housing Residential Scheme 1996	20,000
Total	63,394

DDA plans to allot flats to wait listed registrants under New pattern Residential Scheme 1979 and Ambedkar Awas Yajona 1989 in the next two years subject to availability of land, infrastructure and civic amenities. Under the Janta Housing Registration Scheme 1996, 4,000 flats are to be offered in the current year, 6000 flats are to be allotted in next two to three years and remaining 10,000 falts will be allotted from 1998 onwards.

DDA also plans to allot 400 plots in Dwarka and Narela to the Cooperative Group Housing Societies for the construction of 33,000 dwelling units. In addition, about 15,000 wait listed registrants under Rohini Residential Scheme are also expected to be alotted plots by the end of 1998.

Space Technology

2328. SHRI SRIBALLAV PANIGRAHI : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the areas where indigenisation has been achieved in different fields of space technology;

(b) the percentage of import component in cae of satellities and launch vehicles and the areas where the import restriction are levied; and

(c) the steps Government propose to take to establish linkage with the industries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH) : (a) Substantial indigenisation has been achieved in all areas of space science, technology and applications including design, development, fabrication and testing of satellites, launch vehicles, associated ground systems as well as in space applications.

(b) Components and materials imported are about 50 per cent for satellities and 25 percent for launch vehicles, in terms of the total value.

Areas where there are import restricitions relate to certain special meterials, chemicals, certain special quality electronic components and test equipment which are considered to be of "dual use".

(c) Government has, since the inception of the space programme, established and promoted a strong linkage with the Indian industries through technology transfer, provision of technology consultancy and placement of contracts for production and supply of components, systems and services to meet the needs of the space programme on a continuous basis. More than 500 large, medium and small scale industries, both in public and private sectors, are participating in the space programme.

Marriages Under Duress

2329. SHRI JAGAT VIR SINGH DRONA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have received any complaint that the foreign mercenaries are performing marriages under duress in militancy hit Doda district of Jammu and Kashmir; and

(b) if so, the actions taken by the Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI S.R. BALASUBRAMONIYAN) : (a) and (b). The Government of Jammu and Kashmir have informed that no specific instances of this nature have come to notice.

Drought Proofing Plan

2330. SHRI SARAT PATTANAYAK : Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the financial assistance provided to States under Medium Term Drought Proofing Plan during 1995-96, State-wise;